GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - ACB Cases - Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Asst. Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District and presently working as Project Director, APMIP, Bapatla District - Misappropriation of Government subsidies - Departmental Proceedings issued under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Imposition of the Minor penalty of "Withholding of (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect", under rule 9 of A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991- Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.32 **Dated: 14/03/2024**

Read the following

1. From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc. No.60/RE-CIU/2017, dt.25-3-2019.
2. Govt.Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/82/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.17.12.2019 & Reminder dt.07.02.2020.
3. Proceedings No. Estt-I(2)09/2017, dt. 20.01.2020 of Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.
4. From the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Estt.I(2)09/2017, dt.24.11.2021.
5. G.O. Rt.No.288, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.10.05.2022.
6. G.O. Rt.No.289, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.10.05.2022.
7. From the Sri K.Venkata Ramireddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority, D.O. Letter No. 39/COI-KVR/2022, dt.27.02.2023.
8. Govt.Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/82/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.06.03.2023.
9. Representations of dt.04.04.2023 & 02.05.2023 Sri B.V.Ramana, the then Assistant Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District and presently working as Project Director, APMIP, Bapatla District.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, has informed that, on a petition purportedly submitted by one Sri C.Anjini Reddy, Ananthapuram District into the alleging misappropriation of Government subsidies by Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Asst. Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District, a discreet enquiry was taken up and basing on the facts revealed during the discreet Enquiry, a regular enquiry was taken up and an officer of ACB conducted the regular inquiry and recommended to place him on his defense before the Commissioner of Inquiries for violation of Rules 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

2. The Government have accepted the above recommendations and forwarded the Draft Articles of Charge, Statement of imputations etc., in respect of by Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Asst. Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District, to the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur, in the reference 2nd read above, with a request to issue Articles of Charge etc. to the said Accused Officer and obtain his Written Statement of Defense (WSD), along with dated acknowledgement and furnish the same to Government, with his specific remarks.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur, has issued Articles of Charge to the Accused Officers Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Asst. Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapur District, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of the Memo., specifically admitting or denying each Articles of Charge.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the Written Statement of Defense (WSD) dt.31.08.2020 of Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Asst. Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapur District, in which he has denied the Charge framed against him and requested to drop further action in the matter.

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5. Accordingly, the Government have appointed Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as the Inquiring Authority, in the reference 5th read above, to inquire into the Articles of Charge issued against the said Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Asst. Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapur District and also appointed Sri K.Giri Babu, Inspector of Police, CIU, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada, as the Presenting Officer, in the reference 6th read above, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority.

6. In the reference 7th read above, Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority has submitted the Inquiry report, stating that the Charge framed againt the Charged Officer Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Assistant Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District is held proved.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Government have communicated a copy of the above Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Assistant Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District, under Rule 21 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, through the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur, with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, within (15) days positively.

8. In the reference 9th read above, the Charged Officer Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Assistant Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District, has submitted representation, duly denying the findings of the Inquiring Authority and requested to drop further action in the matter.

9. The Government, after careful examination and consultation of the matter with the Advisory Department, hereby, impose the Minor Penalty of "Withholding of (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect", under rule 9 of A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, against Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Assistant Director of Horticulture, Penukonda, Ananthapuramu District and presently presently working as Project Director, APMIP, Bapatla District, for the Charge framed against him is held proved.

10. The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri B.V. Ramana, the then Asst. Director of Horticulture, Penukonda,
Ananthapuramu District and presently working as Project Director, APMIP,
Bapatla District.
(through the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur)
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director General, ACB, Pandit Nehru Bus Station,
NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor, Vijayawada, A.P.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, Bapatla.
The P.S. to Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Vijayawada.
The OSD to Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C.,
Block-5, 1st Floor, A.P., Secretariat.
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